

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023
Dallas Stars 2, Blues 1 (shootout)
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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"We'll look at the tape tomorrow. We found a way to win against a team that I talked about at the morning skate who had been sitting on a tough year all summer. We knew they would come out heavy and hard. They added some veterans. You look at their lineup – they've got a veteran lineup, and they're a better team than their record last year. Scandella is in the lineup and healthy, Krug is healthy. Their defensemen were really solid tonight and didn't give us a lot of room or time. The good things for us is that we got better as the game went on. The third period was by far our best period, and we've got to keep building on that."

On the play of the goalies tonight

"I thought [Binnington] was great but so was Jake. Jake made some key saves in the second period. We just about self-destructed with turnovers and penalties, but he bailed us out when we did that."

On the Stars' power play

"It's game one. We haven't even had our group. Even tonight we still haven't had our group, and we haven't had our group the entire training camp and preseason. I'm going to hold evaluation of special teams until we get everybody here and take a real look at what we have."

On the play of Wyatt Johnston

"He looks stronger, faster, more confident than a year ago which is scary. You could see in overtime that he wanted to end the game himself. He's 19-years old and with that type of mindset – that's fantastic."

Stars Forward Matt Duchene

On start of game

"It was a hard-fought game. [There was] a lot of skating. They played really well. They were a fast team, they were stingy, they break out really well, they were really hard to forecheck and they had great goaltending tonight. We got better as the game went on. The third period was a very good period, and we had some good looks. [It] could've ended in OT. Fortunately we got done in the shootout."

On his shootout goal

"I changed my mind last second and had something else planned on the way in. I had a lot of shootout attempts last year. You expect goalies to pre-scout you a little bit, so you have to mix it up."

On Blues goaltender Jordan Binnington

"It shouldn't affect you. You need to keep doing the same thing. This team is good enough that if we stick to our process and play the way we're capable, we're going to get wins. We kept doing it and eventually you get the two points at the end of the day. It was a hard fought game. I feel like this time of year it's either really tight games or it's pond hockey. That was a tight one."

Stars Defenseman Miro Heiskanen

On starting the season with a win

"It's always good to get the first win. We got better and better as the game went on, and the last period was our best one. It was a good first win."

On practicing overtime

"We played them well tonight. We were patient and had a couple of good scoring chances, so it worked well. That's what we need to keep doing."

Stars Goaltender Jake Oettinger*On tonight's game*

"Yeah, it was a fun game. I thought [Binnington] was unreal... It felt like we deserved to win. You don't always win those games, but I'm happy it turned out for us."

On working on overtime in practice

"It's just being patient. You don't want to waste your opportunities."

On winning in overtime

"It's big. We're going to be in that position a lot this year with tight games. That can be a difficult time of the year, those shootouts or overtime wins. I think we have a good system and I'm happy it turned out for us."

On being in a goalie duel

"Yeah, he's a Stanley Cup Champion and one of the best goalies in the league. I'm just trying to make big saves because I know he's going to."

ST. LOUIS BLUES**Blues Head Coach Craig Berube***On the start of the game*

"It was a good competitive game. Both goalies made really great saves. We played strong for the first two periods. During the third period, we laid back a little bit too much and didn't attack enough and didn't create enough opportunities. It was a hard-fought game."

On the team's defense

"For the most part, we did a good job keeping it on the outside and protecting that slot area. When you don't make plays and keep attacking, the other team is going to have too much possession time in the offensive zone."

On Binnington's performance

"He made some huge saves. He came out strong and played well tonight."

Blues Goaltender Jordan Binnington*On his save on Jason Robertson in overtime*

"It's overtime. We have to compete out there. Play free and compete is the mindset. Obviously 2-on-1 scenario shoot or pass and kind of a desperation play there."

On tonight's game

"It has to be a positive mindset. We have to take a lot of good things out of tonight. We played a good game and had a couple of good chances. It's good energy in here, so we have to take the positives and move forward into Saturday."